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# Wilderness is our common ground.

We have hunted on the public lands in Doña Ana County all our lives. Nothing compares to being out in the wide-open backcountry, tracking a desert mule deer or searching for a covey of Gambel's quail. The only sounds are the crunching of our footsteps, the rustle of wind through grass and every now and then, the sudden explosion of quail flying from cover.

We are fortunate to have these magnificent wildlands right outside our windows. We can gaze at the majestic Organ Mountains, ride horseback through Broad Canyon or hike the Potrillos. But development is nibbling at the edges of some of our special wild areas bringing more houses, more roads and more congestion. Fortunately, we still have the opportunity to protect the natural treasures that surround us. We need to keep the things we love about Doña Ana County just the way they are.

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